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*Just how big can a little kitten dream?*

Marcy is a kitten who was born too tiny,

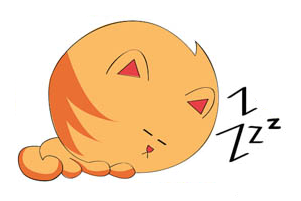
From her wet pink nose to her furry orange hiney.

She wished she could grow to be bigger than Ma,

But she was only as big as one of Ma’s paws.

She thought, as she dozed, of how great it would be

If her size were to grow by 103.[[2]](#footnote-2)

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She would run, she would play, and she would even go hiking [[3]](#footnote-3)

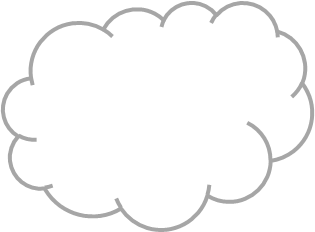
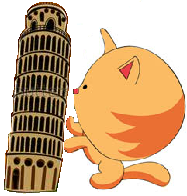
At her much greater size, she’d explore to her liking.

She’d go to the park, the circus, a zoo,

She’d hop on a plane to Kalamazoo!

She’d roll in the flowers and sleep in the sun,

If she could get bigger, she’d have so much fun!

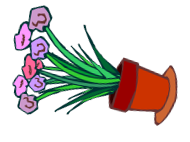
She could reach the treat box, she could see out the door,

She could move all the plants from the shelves to the floor.

She could do all the things in the books her Ma read,

She could even jump up on the top of the bed.

She could see the great sights from all over the world,

The thought of it all made her furry tail curl.

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Marcy could be one of a million great things,

She could dig deep for diamonds to be made into rings.

She could sail the great sea catching boats full of fish,

Or cook them all up to be served on a dish.

She could crawl through the caves with the coal and the bats,

This was all way too much for one little cat!

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Marcy dreamt big, as big as the sky,

But she was still little, so she started to cry.

Her Ma picked her up and gave her a kiss,

If Marcy were bigger, oh how she would miss.

Big hugs from her Ma, so warm and so furry,

Someday she’ll be bigger, but Marcy’s in no hurry.

1. In Jennifer Fosberry’sbooks, she often has the phrase “Just How Far Can a Little Girl Dream?” on the cover. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Like Isabella in [Jennifer Fosberry](http://www.sourcebooks.com/index.php?option=com_egdauthors&view=author&aid=A2024)’s *Isabella, Girl on the Go*, Marcy is young and tiny, dreaming of being big and great things. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. The pictures, like in *Isabella, Girl on the Go,* depict the main character doing normal things, but pretending they’re doing something much greater. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. These pictures reflect *Isabella Girl on the Go* by having the main character (Marcy or Isabella) dreaming of visiting wonders around the world. Isabella herself even dreams about the Eifel Tower. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. When Marcy digs in her litter box for diamonds, It’s like when *Isabella* digs in the sandbox as an archaeologist. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)